

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 66 public bills, H.R. 12, 1457–1522; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 25–26; and H. Res. 160–161, were introduced. **Pages H1800–04**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1806–07**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Tipton to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1773**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 233 ayes to 159 noes with one answering "present", Roll No. 129. **Pages H1773, H1788–89**

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Schock, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Eighteenth Congressional District of Illinois, effective on March 31, 2015. **Page H1773**

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures: The House passed S.J. Res. 8, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures, by a yea-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 128, after the previous question was ordered. **Pages H1782–88**

H. Res. 152, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 8) and the resolution (H. Res. 132), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 233 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 127, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 126. **Pages H1775–82**

Providing for a recess of the House for a joint meeting to receive His Excellency Mohammad Ashraf Ghani, President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan: Agreed by unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Tuesday, March 25, 2015 for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting His Excellency Mohammad Ashraf Ghani, the President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. **Page H1789**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Tuesday, March 24, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25. **Page H1789**

Providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress: The House agreed to H. Res. 152, amended, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress, by voice vote after the previous question was ordered. **Pages H1789–92**

Pursuant to House Resolution 152, the amendment printed in House Report 114–45 was agreed to. **Pages H1789–92**

H. Res. 152, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 8) and the resolution (H. Res. 132), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 233 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 127, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 126. **Pages H1775–82**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, March 23rd for Morning Hour debate. **Page H1800**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1781, H1781–82, H1788, and H1789. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 897, the "Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2015". H.R. 897 was ordered reported, without amendment.

APPROPRIATIONS—BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Bureau of Land Management budget. Testimony was heard from Neil Kornze, Director, Bureau of Land Management.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OVERSIGHT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of the Inspector General oversight.

Testimony was heard from Richard J. Griffin, Deputy Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and John D. Daigh, Jr., Assistant Inspector General for Healthcare Inspection, Department of Veterans Affairs.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FARM AND FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Agriculture Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service budget. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Michael T. Scuse, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agriculture Service; Brandon Willis, Administrator, Risk Management Agency; Val Dolcini, Administrator, Farm Service Agency; Phil Karsting, Administrator, Foreign Agriculture Service; and Michael Young, Budget Officer.

APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES EUROPEAN COMMAND

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on United States European Command budget. Testimony was heard from General Philip M. Breedlove, United States Air Force, Supreme Allied Commander Europe (NATO), Commander, United States European Command. This hearing was closed.

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Transportation Security Administration budget. Testimony was heard from Melvin Carraway, Acting Administrator, Transportation Security Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Consumer Product Safety Commission budget. Testimony was heard from Elliot F. Kaye, Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission; and Ann Marie Buerkle, Commissioner, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS—SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Surface Transportation Programs budget. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Transportation of-

ficials: Gregory G. Nadeau, Acting Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; Therese W. McMillan, Acting Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; Mark R. Rosekind, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and Paul N. Jaenichen Sr., Administrator, Maritime Administration.

FISCAL YEAR 2016 MISSILE DEFENSE HEARING

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2016 Missile Defense Hearing". Testimony was heard from Brian P. McKeon, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense; Admiral Bill Gortney, USN, Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, U.S. Northern Command; Vice Admiral James Syring, USN, Director, Missile Defense Agency; and Lieutenant General David L. Mann, USA, Commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense.

FISCAL YEAR 2016 GROUND FORCE MODERNIZATION AND ROTORCRAFT MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2016 Ground Force Modernization and Rotorcraft Modernization Programs". Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Michael E. Williamson, USA, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology); Major General Michael D. Lundy, USA, Commander, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence; Vice Admiral Paul A. Grosklags, USN, Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition); Lieutenant General Anthony R. Ierardi, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8; Brigadier General Joe Shrader, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Systems Command; and Bill Taylor, Program Executive Officer Land Systems, U.S. Marine Corps.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee concluded a markup on the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2016. The concurrent resolution was ordered reported, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on H.R. 906, to modify the efficiency standards for grid-enabled water heaters. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FCC REAUTHORIZATION: OVERSIGHT OF THE COMMISSION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “FCC Reauthorization: Oversight of the Commission”. Testimony was heard from the following Federal Communications Commission officials: Tom Wheeler, Chairman; Mignon Clyburn, Commissioner; Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner; Ajit Pai, Commissioner; and Michael O’Rielly, Commissioner.

OVERSIGHT OF THE SEC’S DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the SEC’s Division of Enforcement”. Testimony was heard from Andrew J. Ceresney, Director, Division of Enforcement, Securities and Exchange Commission.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH IRAN: BLOCKING OR PAVING TEHRAN’S PATH TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS?

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Negotiations with Iran: Blocking or Paving Tehran’s Path to Nuclear Weapons?”. Testimony was heard from Antony J. Blinken, Deputy Secretary of State, Department of State; Adam J. Szubin, Acting Under Secretary, Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, Department of the Treasury.

AGENTS OF OPPORTUNITY: RESPONDING TO THE THREAT OF CHEMICAL TERRORISM

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled “Agents of Opportunity: Responding to the Threat of Chemical Terrorism”. Testimony was heard from Mark Kirk, Director, Chemical Defense Program, Office of Health Affairs, Department of Homeland Security; Armando B. Fontoura, Sheriff, Essex County, New Jersey; and public witnesses.

CHILD EXPLOITATION RESTITUTION FOLLOWING THE *PAROLINE V. UNITED STATES* DECISION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Child Exploitation Restitution Following the *Paroline v. United States* Decision”. Testimony was heard from Jill E. Steinberg, National Coordinator for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE SPENDING PRIORITIES AND MISSIONS OF THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE AND THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION IN THE PRESIDENT’S FY 2016 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands; and Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, held a joint hearing entitled “Examining the Spending Priorities and Missions of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the President’s FY 2016 Budget Proposal”. Testimony was heard from Daniel M. Ashe, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service; and Kathryn D. Sullivan, Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

A REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY’S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE APPREHENSION, DETENTION, AND RELEASE OF NON-CITIZENS UNLAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES—PART II

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Review of the Department of Homeland Security’s Policies and Procedures for the Apprehension, Detention, and Release of Non-Citizens Unlawfully Present in the United States—Part II”. Testimony was heard from Sarah R. Saldaña, Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

CONTRACTING AND THE INDUSTRIAL BASE III: REVERSE AUCTIONS, VERIFICATION AND THE SBA’S ROLE IN RULE MAKING

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce held a hearing entitled “Contracting and the Industrial Base III: Reverse Auctions, Verification and the SBA’s Role in Rule Making”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on H.R. 571, the “Veterans Affairs Retaliation Prevention Act of 2015”; H.R. 593, the “Aurora VA Hospital Financing and Construction Reform Act of 2015”; H.R. 1015, the “Protecting Business Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2015”; H.R. 1016, the “Biological Implant Tracking and Veteran Safety Act of 2015”; H.R. 1017, the “Veterans Information Security Improvement Act”; H.R. 1128, the “Department of Veterans Affairs Cyber Security Protection Act”; and H.R. 1129, the “Veterans’ Whistleblower and Patient Protection Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard

from Meghan Flanz, Director, Office of Accountability Review, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

THE GROWING CYBER THREAT AND ITS IMPACT ON AMERICAN BUSINESS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Growing Cyber Threat and Its Impact on American Business”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.